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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-third session

Draft report

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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) at United Nations Headquarters on 5 May 2003 and its substantive session from 9 June to 3 July and on 9 July 2003. It held a total of 23 meetings and a number of informal consultations. A web site for the Committee for Programme and Coordination was established to provide easy access to the relevant documentation and the programme of work.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the forty-third session, adopted by the Committee at its organization session (1st meeting), is contained in annex I. At its 2nd meeting on 9 June 2003, the attention of the Committee was drawn to an addendum to the provisional annotated agenda contained in document E/AC.51/2003/1/Add.1 and the Committee decided to include the question of the proposed revisions to Programme 23: Public information, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 under agenda item 4, Programme questions sub-item (b), Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

3. At its organizational session (1st meeting), on 5 May 2003, the Committee approved the proposed programme of work for its forty-third session, which was subsequently issued in document E/AC.51/2003/L.2.

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/303, the Committee, as requested by the Assembly, considered at its forty-third session the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The results approach in the United Nations: implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/57/372) and the

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related comments by the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/57/372/Add.1).

B. Election of officers

5. At its organizational meeting (1st meeting), on 5 May 2003, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Seyed Morteza **Mirmohammad** (Islamic Republic of Iran), Chairman of the Committee for the forty-third session.

6. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 3 May and 9 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for the forty-third session:

Vice-Chairpersons:

Mr. Oleksii V. **Ivashchenko** (Ukraine)
Ms. Loipa Sanchez **Lorenzo** (Cuba)
Ms. Nonye **Udo** (Nigeria)

Rapporteur:

Mr. Jerry **Kramer** (Canada)

C. Attendance

7. The following States Members of the Committee were represented:

Argentina
Armenia
Bahamas
Benin
Botswana
Brazil
Canada
Central African Republic
China
Cuba
Ethiopia
France
Gabon
Germany
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan
Mexico
Monaco
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Pakistan
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Russian Federation
South Africa
Switzerland
Tunisia
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay

8. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Algeria	Morocco
Australia	Netherlands
Austria	New Zealand
Bangladesh	Panama
Belgium	Peru
Colombia	Philippines
Costa Rica	Poland
Croatia	Portugal
Dominican Republic	Qatar
Egypt	Romania
Greece	Saudi Arabia
Guatemala	Singapore
Guyana	Syrian Arab Republic
Italy	Trinidad and Tobago
Jamaica	Uganda
Jordan	Venezuela
Kazakhstan	

9. The following regional commissions and specialized agencies were represented:

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Regional Commissions New York Office

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

10. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Management, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, the Legal Counsel, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Controller, the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services, the Deputy Secretary-General for Trade and Development, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Deputy to the

Under-Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, the Special Advisor for Africa, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit and senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat.

11. Ms. Doris Bertrand, Inspector in the Joint Inspection Unit, also participated in the work of the Committee.

12. The following sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 were discussed by means of videoconferencing: section 6: Peaceful uses of outer space; section 16: Crime prevention and criminal justice; section 17: International drug control; section 20: Economic development in Europe; section 24: Human rights; section 29E: Administration, Geneva; section 29F: Administration, Vienna; section 29G: Administration, Nairobi; and section 31: Jointly financed administrative activities, (b) Joint Inspection Unit.

D. Documentation

13. The list of documents before the Committee at its forty-third session is set out in annex II.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

14. At the 22nd meeting, on 3 July 2003, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement on the programme budget implications of holding an additional meeting for the adoption of the report of the Committee.

15. At its 23rd meeting, on 9 July 2003, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its forty-third session (E/AC.51/2003/L.5 and Add.1-44).

Annex I

Agenda for the forty-third session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
4. Programme questions:
   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;
   (b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term for the period 2002-2005;
   (c) Evaluation.
5. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
   (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development;
6. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit.
7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.
8. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-third session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its forty-third session

A/57/372 and Corr.1	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The results approach in the United Nations: implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration"
A/57/372/Add.1	Comments by the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The results approach in the United Nations: implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration"
A/58/6	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (Foreword and Introduction)
A/58/6 (Sect.1)	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination
A/58/6 (Sect.2)	General Assembly affairs and conference services
A/58/6/ (Sect.3) and Corr.1	Political affairs
A/58/6 (Sect.4)	Disarmament
A/58/6 (Sect.5)	Peacekeeping operations
A/58/6 (Sect.6)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/58/6 (Sect.8)	Legal affairs
A/58/6 (Sect.9)	Economic and social affairs
A/58/6 (Sect.10)	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/58/6 (Sect.11)	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/58/6 (Sect.12)	Trade and development
A/58/6 (Sect.13)	International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)
A/58/6 (Sect.14)	Environment
A/58/6 (Sect.15)	Human settlements
A/58/6 (Sect.16)	Crime prevention and criminal justice
A/58/6 (Sect.17)	International drug control
A/58/6 (Sect.18)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/58/6 (Sect.19)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/58/6 (Sect.20)	Economic development in Europe

A/58/6 (Sect.21)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/58/6 (Sect.22)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/58/6 (Sect.23)	Regular programme of technical cooperation
A/58/6 (Sect.24)	Human rights
A/58/6 (Sect.25)	Protection of and assistance to refugees
A/58/6 (Sect.26)	Palestine refugees
A/58/6 (Sect.27)	Humanitarian assistance
A/58/6 (Sect.28)	Public information
A/58/6 (Sect.29)	Management and central support services
A/58/6 (Sect.29A)	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management
A/58/6 (Sect.29B)	Office of the Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts
A/58/6 (Sect.29C)	Office of Human Resources Management
A/58/6 (Sect.29D)	Office of Central Support Services
A/58/6 (Sect.29E)	Administration, Geneva
A/58/6 (Sect.29F)	Administration, Vienna
A/58/6 (Sect.29G)	Administration, Nairobi
A/58/6 (Sect.30)	Internal oversight
A/58/6 (Sect.31)	Jointly financed administrative activities
A/58/6 (Sect.35)	Development account
A/58/70	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress and impact assessment of management improvement measures
A/58/83	Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 8: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
A/58/84	Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 7: Economic and social affairs
A/58/90	Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 23: Public information
E/2003/55	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002

E/AC.51/2003/1 and Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2003/2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on proposed evaluation themes
E/AC.51/2003/3	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on the law of the sea and ocean affairs
E/AC.51/2003/4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fortieth session on the in-depth evaluation of the global development trends, issues and policies, and global approaches to social and microeconomic issues and policies, and the corresponding subprogrammes in the regional commissions
E/AC.51/2003/5	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fortieth session on the in-depth evaluation of the advancement of women programme
E/AC.51/2003/6	Report of the Secretary-General on the future engagement of the United Nations system with the New Partnership for Africa's Development
E/AC.51/2003/7	Letter dated 23 May 2003 from the Chairman of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed to the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
E/AC.51/51/2003/L.1/Rev.2	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the forty-third session
E/AC.51/2003/L.2	Note by the Secretariat containing the proposed programme of work for the forty-third session
E/AC.51/2003/L.3	Note by the Secretariat on the current notional costs of documentation and meeting services; utilization of conference-servicing resources
E/AC.51/2003/L.4	Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fourth session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2003/L.5 and Add.1-44	Draft report of the Committee on its forty-third session

E/AC.51/2003/INF.1	List of delegations
E/AC.51/2003/CRP.1	Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate